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IN THE following pages we have gathered short descriptions of the plants we consider the finest, most ornamental and suitable for all kinds of decorative purposes. All the plants enumerated are in fine, healthy condition, and having been grown on cool benches, are thus able to withstand rough usage. They comprise all the useful Palms in the best decorative sizes, including extra-large and fine specimens, which are in great demand and very difficult to procure at present. The Ferns are the finest of their class, and include the desirable *Adiantum Farleyense*, of whi h we have an elegant stock. In fancy foliage plants we are happy to state that we have a good stock, and would recommend them highly to all florists They will be found to be a striking novelty, drawing customers to their greenhouses and stores, and the best and cheapest advertisement they can have. They are profitable to handle, and help the skillful decorator in his task of producing novel features in artistic arrangement. We have a very large stock of all these classes of plants, but as there is a bottom to the deepest well, we fear before long in many cases our supply will be short, as the demand for them is growing very rapidly. Therefore, we would advise all the florists to kindly send their orders in as early as possible, to enable us to fill the same.

High-class decoration is now a leading feature with florists, and almost every idea has been exhausted to produce something novel and attractive. In this Catalogue we print two plates reproduced from photographs of designs, and well worthy of notice. The one on the front page consists of a center-piece made by us for a New York Florist's Club dinner. The arrangement is a small tree fern planted in a vase, on to which choice plants, Orchids, Cypripediums, Nepenthes, Sarracenias, Bromeliads, Ferns, Asparagus, etc., have been planted.

The other plate on the back of the cover was an arrangement which was presented to one of our customers going abroad. It consisted of a Bromeliad in a basket, the sides of which were covered with cork bark. The axils of the leaves were filled with sphagnum moss, and then thoroughly watered overhead. In this we inserted sprays of Orchids, Cypripediums and *Asparagus plumosus*. The whole was done without using any fastenings of any kind, and the effect was so pleasing and natural that it was admired by all on board. Besides, the flower-piece lasted the whole voyage, and was fresh enough to present to a friend in England after the journey.

These descriptions we merely introduce as types showing the character of society calls upon the florist of the present day. On such ideas he can act at short notice, if he has on hand a stock of the plants enumerated in this Catalogue.

Soliciting a personal inspection and a share of your patronage, we are,

Yours respectfully,

Pitcher & Manda,

Short Hills, New Jersey.

Areca Lutescens. (See page 7.)

Areca Bauerii.

PALMS.

THIS royal family of plants must be placed amongst the foremost of decorative plants. Their graceful and imposing beauty makes them invaluable in any decoration, either large or small. As a background for groups or as isolated specimens for vases and jardinieres, their bright green, shiny fronds give elegance to their surroundings. Besides their ornamental qualities, their hardiness is highly to be commended, as with ordinary care they will flourish in any place that has a moderate temperature.

In securing Palms, the main point to observe is to purchase only plants that have been grown cool, and that are clean and free from insects. Such plants will last twice as long in decoration as those that have been grown on bottom heat. We have specimens from 6 inches up to 20 feet high, with low prices corresponding to the excellent quality of the stock. Following are such kinds as we can recommend the most highly out of our stock of 230 varieties :

ARECA Baueri. A fine, hardy, rapid-growing palm, resembling the Kentias, and equally as useful for general decorations ; foliage very dark green.

	Each
30 inches high	$2 00
36 inches high	3 00
42 inches high	4 00
48 inches high	5 00

Extra-large specimens on application.

A. lutescens. One of the most graceful palms in cultivation, and indispensable for decorations ; mostly grown three in a pot, so as to form good, bushy plants at once.

	Each
Three in one pot, 12 inches high	$0 50
Three in one pot, 15 to 18 inches high	75
Three in one pot, 18 to 20 inches high	1 00
Fine bushy plants, 3½ to 4 feet high	$3 to 5 00

COCOS Weddeliana. An elegant, fine-foliaged palm, not attaining a great size, but almost an absolute necessity for mantel and table decorations and jardinieres ; in fact, for the latter use it cannot be excelled, outlasting any other plant for that purpose.

	Each
Nice plants, 8 to 10 inches high	$0 35
Nice plants, 12 inches high	50
Nice plants, 15 to 18 inches high	1 00
Nice plants, 2½ to 3 feet high	3 00
Extra-large specimens, finely furnished	5 00

KENTIAS. A very popular and useful palm ; we might say the most popular of the taller-growing sorts, from their graceful style of growth and hardy nature. So great has the demand for good-sized plants been that the stock is almost exhausted, both in this country and Europe, and the prices for the larger sizes are continually advancing.

KENTIA Belmoreana. Very symmetrical and graceful; more drooping than *K. Forsteriana*, and dwarfer in habit.

	Each
Four to five leaves, 10 inches high	$0 75
Five to six leaves, 15 inches high	1 00
Strong plants, 24 inches high	2 00
Strong plants, 30 inches high	3 00
Strong plants, 36 inches high	4 00
Extra-large specimens, finely furnished, 5 feet high and upwards, on application.	

K. Forsteriana. More upright than the preceding, but equally as good for decorations.

	Each
Good young plants, 15 inches high	$ 75
Good plants, 4 to 5 leaves, 18 inches high	1 00
Strong plants, 24 inches high	1 50
Strong plants, 30 inches high	2 00
Strong plants, 36 inches high	3 00
Fine specimens from 5 to 9 feet high, on application.	

LATANIA Borbonica. The most popular and useful palm grown, and generally known. Our stock of this variety is very large, and in a fine, hardy state for handling.

	Each
Fine strong plants, 24 to 30 inches high	$1 75
Extra-strong plants	2 50
Specimens, strong, fine large leaves, 36 inches high	3 00
Specimens, strong, fine large leaves, 42 inches high	4 00
Specimens, strong, fine large leaves, 48 inches high	5 00
Extra-size, elegant specimens	$7 50 to 12 00

PHŒNIX rupicola. This is the well-known Fountain Palm, and is one of the finest decorative plants in the world. Good stock of this popular sort is very scarce.

	Each
Strong plants, character leaves formed	$1 00
Fine, well-developed plants, 13 to 15 inches high	2 00
Fine, well-developed plants, 15 to 18 inches high	3 00
Half specimens, 24 to 30 inches high	5 00
Full specimens, 3 feet high and upwards, can be furnished on application.	

RHAPIS flabelliformis. A Chinese and Japanese palm of strong, upright habit, with reed-like stems and divided leaves. This plant is remarkable for the way it bears handling and rough usage without getting unsightly. For decorations it is very effective, the foliage being a striking contrast to the other varieties of palms.

	Each
Fine plants	$3 50
Extra-bushy plants	5 00
Large specimens, finely furnished	$7 50 to 10 00

R. humilis. An elegant variety. It has finer leaves and a more graceful appearance than the preceding, and is equally as hardy and ornamental. An indispensable plant for vases or any other form of decoration.

	Each
Fine, short plants	$2 00 to $3 00
Large, bushy specimens	5 00 to 15 00

LATANIA BORBONICA.

ADIANTUM FARLEYENSE. (See page 12.)

CYCAS revoluta. This is called the Sago Palm, and is well known for all decorative purposes. It is a grand plant, as it stands hauling about and rough handling. The leaves generally bring from $2 to $3 each for funeral decorations; hence, a plant of any size will more than pay for itself every year. We devote one entire house to this plant.

	Each
Good, established plants, with good heads of fronds varying in different sizes of stem and also number of leaves. Fine specimens	$4 00 to $8 00
Few extra-large specimens	10 00 to 15 00

ZAMIA integrifolia. A cycadaceous plant of the same general appearance as the *Cycas revoluta*, but with much smaller foliage or pinnæ. Valuable for decorations.

	Each
Good, strong plants with many well-developed leaves	$2 00
Stronger plants	3 00

FERNS.

FERNS, with their dainty fronds of different hues of green, are nowadays largely used, not only in small staging and filling jardinieres, but also as solitary specimens in vases, and for other purposes, while in the cut state they are used extensively. *Adiantum Farleyense* is by all means the finest of them all. Unfortunately this species will never be as plentiful as others on account of the fact that the only means of propagation is by division. Our stock of Ferns is very varied, from small plants in two-inch pots up to the Tree Ferns 20 feet high, and includes all the varieties known and worthy of cultivation. The following are a few of our large collection of varieties. Florists wishing some of the choicer sorts can rely on getting a choice collection by stating the sizes and for what purpose they desire them.

Mixed Ferns or Selaginellas for filling jardinieres, $5 per hundred, $45 per thousand; stronger, $8 per hundred, $75 per thousand.

ADIANTUM. "Maiden-hair Fern." Very useful and popular for all purposes. For cutting they are indispensable, while for jardinieres, table, mantel, or general decorations they cannot be surpassed.

A. cuneatum. The best known variety, and much used in floral work.

	Hundred
Three-inch pots	$10 00
Four-inch pots	15 00
Five-inch pots	25 00

A. bellum. A fine variety, with tufted fronds about four inches long; fine for Wardian cases.

Strong plants, three-inch pots . . . . . 25 cents each

ADIANTUM Farleyense. The grandest variety in existence. Requires warm treatment; it is a strong grower, often producing fronds 18 inches to 2 feet long and 10 inches wide, but must never be allowed to get dry. Single plants for drawing-room or parlor ornaments find a ready sale in the eastern markets, and the demand is always good. It is a variety that will always be scarce, as it can only be propagated by division.

	Each
Fine plants, five-inch pots	$1 00
Stronger plants, finely furnished	$1 25 to 1 50

ASPLENIUM bulbiferum. A strong-growing greenhouse species, the fronds often measuring 2 feet in length and 10 inches in width. Young plants are often produced on the upper surface of the old fronds, which root readily in light soil.

Fine, strong plants, five-inch pots . . . . . 50 cents each.

ASPIDIUM viridescens. An elegant, graceful variety, valuable for decorations as single specimens or for jardinieres; for cut-flower purposes it is fine. Our stock of this pretty favorite is large.

Strong plants, four-inch pots . . . . . 25 cents each.

LOMARIA gibba. A handsome, dwarf-growing Tree Fern, elegant for decorations or single plants, for the window or small conservatory.

	Each
Fine plants, four-inch pots	$0 50
Strong plants, five-inch pots	75

MICROLEPIA hirta cristata. An elegant variety for any and all purposes. As a graceful plant for mantel, table or other indoor decorations it can hardly be surpassed. Fine for house culture.

	Each
Fine plants, four-inch pots	$0 35
Strong plants, six-inch pots	50

PTERIS Victoriæ. One of the finest and most chaste ferns ever introduced. The foliage is neatly divided, the sterile fronds being much broader than the fertile ones; the center of the frond is beautifully variegated with silvery white. For decorations it is a gem, its peculiar and delicate appearance making it very prominent.

	Each
Fine plants, three-inch pots	$0 50
Strong plants, four-inch pots	1 00

P. argyrea. We have some large plants of this finely variegated variety, which, grown as specimens, make elegant decorative plants for any and all purposes.

Fine plants, six-inch pots . . . . . 50 cents each

SCOLOPENDRIUM vulgare (Hart's-tongue Fern). A fine old variety, useful for all kinds of work; delights in a cool place. For window boxes or vases outside it is fine.

Fine plants . . . . . $1.25 per dozen, $6 per hundred

PLATYCERIUM Alcicorne (Stag's-horn Fern). One of the grandest and most extraordinary of all ferns. Grown on blocks or in baskets, they are unique and beautiful in decorations. No person doing any kind of house or church adornment can afford to be without a few of these.

	Each
Good plants	$1 00 to $2 00
Extra-fine specimens	3 00 to 5 00

NEW PTERIS. *Victoriae*

PANAX VICTORIÆ. (See page 26.)

SELAGINELLAS. For filling jardinieres these are super-excellent, and with some varieties of ferns, and *Cocos Weddeliana* for a center piece, the most charming effects can be produced. As single plants, some of the stronger growing varieties are excellent.

S. Africana. A tall, erect variety, with small branched leaves often tinged with pink.

Fine, strong plants, three-inch pots . . . . . 10 cents each

S. cæsia. A pretty, trailing variety, with pale, straw-colored leaves ; well-known.

Fine, strong plants, three-inch pots . . . . . 10 cents each

S. caulescens. Strong-growing, good habit ; stems generally 12 inches long ; very erect.

Fine, strong plants, three-inch pots . . . . . 12 cents each

S. flabellata. A stove species of bright green color.

Fine, strong plants, three-inch pots . . . . . 8 cents each

S. Martensii variegata. Beautiful gold and green foliage ; dwarf, compact habit.

Fine, strong plants, three-inch pots . . . . . 10 cents each

S. stolonifera. A fine, erect grower ; makes splendid pot plants for single specimens.

Fine, strong plants, three-inch pots . . . . . 8 cents each

S. pubescens. Fine, erect, very strong ; good for cut-flower purposes and decorations.

Fine, strong plants, three-inch pots . . . . . 12 cents each

Fancy Foliage Plants.

UNDER this heading we have gathered numerous and varied plants, such as Alocasias, Anthuriums, Dieffenbachias, Marantas, Panax Victoriæ, and other fine kinds, with richly-marked and artistically-shaped foliage. These, with their bright and varied hues, not only brighten up and give life to the decoration, but also give a rich and uncommon appearance to the whole. This class of plants is especially recommended for mantel, table or buffet decoration. Our stock is very large, but we enumerate only such as have proved to be the most valuable, and at a low cost. No conception can be gained of the magnitude of our stock in this line without a personal inspection.

The popular taste in house and church decorations has lately undergone a decided change, and bright, delicately-colored, and graceful foliage is now demanded, in place of the heretofore stiff and ungainly plants. Every plant recommended in the following list is now used for these purposes with pleasing effects, and no florist doing a general decorative business can afford to ignore them.

Bromeliads.

Odd and distinct plants, sometimes handsomely marked. The flowers are in long spikes or panicles, and are less remarkable for themselves than for the great number of bright red or yellow bracts with which they are intermixed. These make fine ornaments for the greenhouse, and are valuable for decorations, forming a striking contrast to the more delicate surroundings. We offer a fine assortment of varieties, varying in price from $1.50 each and upwards.

Alocasias.

Elegant plants, with very brilliant foliage of a strong, leathery texture. Will stand rough usage almost as well as palms; for house and church decorations they are now considered almost indispensable.

A. metallica. A grand decorative plant, with rich, dark bronze, metallic color, purple beneath the leaves.

	Each
Nice plants, about 12 inches high	$1 00
Fine strong plants, 18 to 14 inches high	$1 75 to 3 00

A. Sedeni. Leaves bronzy green, with distinct ivory-white veins.

	Each
Nice plants, 12 inches high	$1 50
Strong plants, 18 to 24 inches high	$2 50 to 5 00

A. Thibautiana. Leaves deep olive, grayish green, midrib grayish white, with numerous veinlets branching from it.

	Each
Fine plants, 18 inches high	$2 50
Strong plants, 2 to 3 feet high	4 50

Anthuriums.

This class of plants is not fully appreciated by the florists, but when their merits become known, no collection of decorative plants, however small, will be complete without them. The foliage varieties are effective and striking, while the blooming kinds vie with the orchid in brilliancy of bloom and lasting qualities.

Foliage Varieties.

A. crystallinum. Large, bright green, velvety leaves; veins elegantly banded with pure crystal-white; the young leaves are of a brilliant violet color. (See cut, page 22.)

	Each
Nice plants	$1 00
Strong plants	$1 75 to 3 00

A. grande. Long, heart-shaped foliage of a rich, dark green color, with white veins.

	Each
Nice plants	$1 00
Extra-strong plants	$1 75 to 3 00

Flowering Varieties.

A. Andreanum. A valuable species. Broad open spathe, bright orange-red color; yellowish spadix.

	Each
Nice plants	$1 75
Large strong plants	$2 50 to 5 00

ANTHURIUM Andreanum hybrids. Varying in color from shades of soft rose to the most vivid scarlet-crimson; a grand novelty.

	Each
Nice plants	$2 50
Strong plants	$5 to 7 00

A. Ferrierense. A handsome hybrid with large, bright rose flower spathe; spadix erect, ivory-white.

	Each
Nice plants	$1 75
Large, strong plants	$2 50 to 5 00

Ananassa sativa variegata.

(*Variegated Pineapple.*)

Leaves two to three feet long, green, broadly margined with rich, creamy yellow, tinged with red. One of the handsomest foliage plants in cultivation.

	Each
Fine plants, about 1 foot through	$4 50
Extra-strong specimens	$7 to 10 00

Aralias.

Valuable foliage plant of singular beauty and effectiveness; very graceful.

A. filicifolia (Fern-leaved). Stem and leaf-stalks purple, marked with white spots; crowned with deeply-cut bright green leaves.

	Each
Good plants, 8 to 10 inches high	$0 35
Strong plants, 10 to 12 inches high	50

A. Guilfoylei. A splendid variety; foliage green, distinctly margined with creamy white.

Strong plants from 4-inch pots, about 12 inches high . 50 cents each

A. Sieboldii. A very strong-growing variety with large, green leaves; very useful house plant.

Nice furnished plants . . . . . 35 to 75 cents each

A. Sieboldii variegata. A great improvement on *Sieboldii;* leaves broadly edged with white.

Nicely furnished plants . . . . . $1.50 each

Aspidistras.

This is, without doubt, one of the hardiest house plants in cultivation. Will thrive and grow where it is almost impossible to grow anything else.

A. lurida. Bright green leaves.

	Each
3-inch pots	$0 25
4-inch pots	30
5-inch pots	50
6-inch pots	75
Specimens	$1 50 to 5 00

ASPIDISTRA lurida variegata. Leaves beautifully marked, green and ivory-white; very effective.

	Each
3-inch pots	$0 45
4-inch pots	75
5-inch pots	1 00
6-inch pots	1 50
Specimens	$5 to 10 00

Aphelandra Roezlii.

Fine shining leaves, which are dark green, shaded with a silvery hue; flowers bright scarlet.

Strong plants, about 8 inches high . . . . . 50 cents each

Acalypha Macafeeana.

A pretty foliage plant, with bright red leaves blotched with rosy crimson.

Fine, strong plants, 3-inch pots . . . . . 25 cents each

Begonia Rex.

We devote one entire house to these well-known favorites, and offer fine, strong plants in finest varieties only.

	Each
3-inch pots	$0 10
4-inch pots	20

Cissus discolor.

A pretty climber. Upper surface of leaves velvety green, mottled white and crimson; under side deep reddish purple.

Fine plants, 3 and 4-inch pots, 18 to 24 inches high . . 25 cents each

Crotons.

This class includes some of the most beautiful foliage plants, The leaves are curiously variegated, usually in symmetrical patterns, with white, yellow, red, pink, etc. Especially useful for table decorations.

Fine, strong plants, 4 and 5-inch pots . . . . . 35 and 50 cents each

Dracaenas.

The number of varieties of this class of plants, with their symmetrical, arching and generally brightly-colored leaves, is a great addition to the family of decorative plants. They are also inexpensive, and possess good lasting qualities, being best adapted for vases or the center of jardinieres. No decoration is complete without a few. The number of varieties extends in the hundreds, but the following are the most desirable.

D. Alsace-Lorraine. Dark purple leaves, with bright scarlet margins, center of leaf dark purple; very handsome.

Good plants, 12 inches high . . . . . 75 cents each

Aspidistra lurida Variegata.

FICUS ELASTICA. (The Long-leaved variety.)

DRACÆNA Cantrelli. A very vigorous and free-growing variety, of a bright, bronzy green color. The older leaves are bordered red; the younger ones with an irregular border of pink, flushed with red. One of the finest.

Good plants, 12 inches high . . . . . 75 cents each

D. Draco. Strong, erect grower; very majestic when well grown. One of the finest for conservatory purposes.

Good, strong plants from 6-inch pots . . . . . $2 50 each

D. indivisa. A graceful, drooping variety, with dark green leaves 2 to 4 feet long and 1 to 2 inches wide.

Strong young plants, from 5-inch pots, 25 cts. each, $18 per hundred

D. Lindenii. A very graceful variety, with broad recurved leaves, having bands of varying shades of yellow and greenish white the whole length of the leaves, the body color of which is a bright green. Elegant for decorations.

	Each
Good, strong plants	$1 00
Extra-strong plants	2 50
Specimens	$3 50 to 5 00

D. Massangeana. Similar to *D. Lindenii*, the markings of which are reversed. A valuable decorative variety.

	Each
Good strong plants	$1 00
Extra-strong plants	2 50
Specimens	$3 50 to 5 00

D. Neo-Caledonica. Dark green leaves with purple base; in the young leaves, pink. Very hardy nature, and will bear rough usage as well as the toughest palms.

Extra-large specimens, 4 to 5 feet high . . . . . $8 each

Dichorisandra.

D. Siebersii. A beautiful plant, having dark green leaves, with white midrib and margins; very effective.

Nice, strong plants . . . . . $1 50 each

D. undata. Broad, dark green leaves, with bands of green lighted with silver. The leaves are much undulated and of a uniform purple on the under side.

Nice, strong plants . . . . . 75 cents each

Ficus.

This well-known house and decorative plant needs no description; it certainly stands without a peer for the above purposes. Our stock is large, well grown and clean; foliage large and strong. No finer stock can be had.

F. elastica. Fine, long-leaved variety only.

	Each
Strong plants, 18 inches high	$0 50
Strong plants, 20 to 24 inches high	75

F. elastica variegata. Beautifully marked with green and yellow.

Good strong plants, 5-inch pots . . . . . $1 each

F. Indica. Round, dark green leaves. 25 cents each.

F. Parcelli. An elegant variegated variety for mantel and table decorations; mixed with Adiantums it produces a most desirable effect.

Fine plants . . . . . 75 cents each

Genistas.

Now is the time to secure a stock of this beautiful and rapid-selling Easter decorative plant. Parties at a distance particularly should order now, so as to have a stock on hand at the proper time. They are in as popular demand as the Lily for spring decorations and store sales.

Prices . . . . . $1 to $5 each, according to size

Mikania violacea.

A beautiful foliaged variety of the well-known Parlor Ivy, with violet-bronze leaves. Pretty for jardinieres and small decorations.

Fine plants from 3-inch pots, 12 to 15 inches high . . 25 cents each

Imantophyllum miniatum.

A fine blooming plant for decorations, either in or out of bloom, with long, dark green, leathery leaves; produces a large head of deep orange flowers on a stem about 2 feet long. This plant can be highly recommended as a house, veranda or window-box plant. It is of easy culture, and in every way a satisafctory and useful plant for both the florist and amateur.

	Each
Good, strong growths, ready for flowering	$1 00
Fine specimens, with many flowering shoots	$2 50 to 5 00

Isolepis gracilis.

A pretty, grassy-like plant for jardinieres or single pots for window gardening. 10 cents each.

Fittonia.

F. argyroneura. A pretty plant for jardinieres, having vivid green leaves interlaced with a net-work of pure white veins.

Fine, strong plants, 2½-inch pots . . . . . 10 cents each.

F. Pearcei. Similar to above in growth. Foliage bright green, midrib and veins light, bright carmine.

Fine, strong plants, 2½-inch pots . . . . . 15 cents each.

Phyllotaenium Lindeni.

An exceedingly useful plant, with Calla-like leaves of light green, broad midrib, and veins of pure white. As a show plant for hot-house decorations, or for extra occasions, it has no equal.

Good plants from 4-inch pots . . . . . 50 cents each.

Marantas.

Probably no plants we offer are so little understood as the Marantas. Their brilliant colors, close compact habit of growth, and elegant appearance render them effective plants for house decoration, particularly when blended with a few Palms, Dracænas and Ferns, the most beautiful combinations can be formed.

M. bicolor. Pale glaucous green, with blotches of dark olive between midrib and margin. Good, strong plants from 4-inch pots, 35 cents each.

Vriesia Splendens.

Group of Flowering Anthuriums. (See page 16.) Anthurium Crystallinum.

MARANTA Chimboracensis. Light green, with a zigzag belt of olive green and white; an elegant variety.

Good plants from 4-inch pots . . . . . 50 cents each.

M. Kerchoveana. Leaves short and grayish-green, with a row of purplish blotches on each side of midrib.

Good plants from 4-inch pots . . . . . 50 cents each.

M. Leitzii. An elegant, upright variety; dark metallic-green leaves with feathery markings; purplish violet beneath.

	Each
Strong plants from 4-inch pots	$0 35
Stronger plants	50

M. Makoyana. A grand variety. Outer margin of leaves deep green, the center semi-transparent, with oblong blotches of deep green.

Strong plants from 4-inch pots . . . . . 75 cents each

M. Massangeana. Outer portion of leaves olive-green, the centre silvery gray ornamented with large blotches of dark velvety purplish maroon.

Strong plants from 4-inch pots . . . . . 35 cents each.

M. pulchella. Similar to *Maranta zebrina.*

	Each
Nice plants	$0 25
Strong plants	35 to 50

M. Van Den Heckei. A very distinct variety, with rich, dark, glossy green leaves; midrib broadly margined with silvery white.

Strong plants . . . . . 75 cents each

M. zebrina. One of the hardiest of the species. Leaves beautiful light green, barred with greenish purple; under side purple.

	Each
Good, strong plants, well shaped, 3-inch pots	$0 25
Strong plants, 4-inch pots	50
Extra strong plants, 4-inch pots . . . . . 75 cents to	1 00

Pandanus Veitchii.

For large or small decorations, whether in or out of the house, no plant we know of is more valuable than this. Its beautiful golden and green striped foliage, majestic style of growth, and hardy, tough nature renders it indispensible to any collection. For vase work in cemeteries or on lawns, single specimens for the grounds or house, or general decorations, it is fine. We offer an elegant lot of large specimens, which will be found very cheap.

Strong plants from 6-inch pots	$1 00
Specimens from 10-inch pots, 4 feet high	5 00
Extra fine specimens from 10-inch pots, 4½ to 5 feet high	7 50

Panicum variegatum.

When grown with care and proper cultivation, this pretty grass is useful for baskets, jardinieres, window boxes, etc. Nice grown specimens make valuable plants for mantel, cornice or window decorations. Leaves white striped and pink tinted.

2½-inch pots . . . . . 10 cents each

Phrynium variegatum.

An elegant plant, similar to the Maranta in growth. The leaves have erect footstalks about 12 inches high, with spreading blades from 6 to 9 inches long and 2 to 4 inches wide, and are beautifully variegated with cream white. In some leaves the entire area is white; in others only half, while in others it is confined to interspaces between the nerves. For bright, effective use in any and all kinds of decorations it is almost indispensable. Very easy culture.

	Each
Nice plants, 4-inch pots, 8 to 10 inches high	$0 50
Strong plants, 4-inch pots, 12 inches high	1 00
Very strong plants, 5 and 6-inch pots, 15 to 18 inches high	1 50

Peperomia Argyreia.

A handsome, easy-growing plant of compact habit, with thick, fleshy leaves of a metallic white hue, and veins of bright green. Desirable for house culture and small decorations. Very effective in jardinieres and baskets.

	Each
Good plants to grow on, 2½-inch pots	$0 15
Strong plants, 4-inch pots, very bushy	25

Panax.

One of the most graceful and elegant plants in cultivation for neat and chaste decorations. Their fern-like foliage, erect growth and graceful appearance make them favorites at once. We can recommend them as good house plants for almost any purpose. Any florist, however limited his collection is or trade may be, should procure some, if not the entire collection, as we feel confident they will prove satisfactory.

P. Victoriæ. A distinct and graceful variegated plant. The leaves, which are green, prettily margined with white, form a dense, plumy, recurving mass of foliage, making it indispensable for center of jardinieres or any of the finer table decorations. Another strong recommendation is, it is a free grower and very hardy, which makes it indispensable to every florist. (See illustration, page 12.)

	Each
Good, strong plants, 3-inch pots, 8 to 10 inches high	$0 25
Extra, strong plants, 4-inch pots, 12 inches high	50

P. plumosa. Forms beautiful crispy heads elegantly divided. The leaflets are long stalked, deeply lobed and the edges notched. The entire plant forms and presents a delicate, fern-like appearance.

	Each
Fine plants, 3-inch pots	$0 35
Strong plants, 4-inch pots	50

Schizmatoglottis crispata.

Undoubtedly one of the very best and toughest variegated plants for general decorative purposes. Will stand hard, rough usage well, and will grow freely in any ordinary dwelling house. Leaves grayish green, edged with dark green, the midrib being a light color.

	Each
Nice, strong plants, 4-inch pots	$0 50
Extra, strong plants, 4-inch pots	75c. and 1 00

ARAUCARIA EXCELSA. (See page 29.)

Asparagus plumosus nanus.

Asparagus plumosus nanus.

This is a plant that no florist can afford to be without, as it can be used for any purpose. Grown as a pot-plant, it will answer admirably for decoration, as it can be grown in a very small pot and the strings trained to a considerable distance, thus covering places that otherwise could not be decorated by another plant. As a small, bushy plant they will fittingly answer the same purpose as ferns. In the cut state the short fronds can be used for garnishing bouquets and baskets, or the long strings for larger decoration. Besides this and its ornamental qualities, it has a lasting property that is not equalled by any plant, remaining in the cut state perfectly fresh for weeks. It is a plant that has a grand future amongst florists, and is to-day taking the place of smilax to a great extent for general house decorations. It does not litter up the furniture and carpets, and can be placed in artistic decorations much more easily and quickly than smilax, while for general effect it is much superior.

	Dozen	Hundred
4-inch pots, fine strong plants	$6 50	$50 00
5-inch pots, fine strong plants	7 50	60 00
6-inch pots, fine strong plants	8 50	70 00
7-inch pots, fine strong plants	9 50	80 00

Nepenthes.

"Pitcher Plant." No plants grown are more interesting or curious than these, and no collection should be without a few; if for no other purpose than an advertisement, florists should procure some. Any warm, moist corner of a greenhouse will do; they require no bench room, as they are suspended from the roof. The leaves are expanded into the form of a pitcher, which holds water; here insects are drowned, thus furnishing nutriment to the plant. From this fact they are known as carnivorous plants. We offer a fine collection of varieties at $2 each and upwards.

Araucarias.

A plant combining hardy, graceful and ornamental qualities; of late years an indispensable plant for florists for decorations, especially on or about Christmas. It forms a miniature Christmas tree, as it were. It is a plant that will stand a very low temperature, and can be put in a shady place out of doors in the summer. We have an elegant stock in all sizes.

A. excelsa. A fine, symmetrical plant of beautiful, soft green color.

	Each
Fine plants, 18 inches high	$2 75
Fine half specimens, 24 to 30 inches high	4 00
Few extra specimens, 3 to 4 feet high	$6 to 12 00

A. excelsa glauca. More bushy and compact than the preceding variety, and of a beautiful silvery gray color; equally as hardy and more ornamental.

	Each
Fine plants, 18 inches high	$4 50
Few larger specimens	$6 to 12 00

Gardenia florida, Improved.

This is the new variety recently sent out from England. It is a great improvement on the older kind, the flowers being pure waxy white, and much larger than the older sort. A decided acquisition.

Strong plants, 3-inch pots . . . . . 50 cents each.

ORCHIDS.

YEAR by year Orchids have been more and more appreciated, until they are now the fashionable flower. No collection of plants is complete without a few of them, and if space in greenhouse is limited, any florist can easily find room for them in his store window, where, in a very short time, he will see they are an excellent drawing card, bringing customers by the score.

A great recommendation is their lasting qualities.—They remain perfectly fresh on the plant for several weeks, while, when cut, they last equally long. All florists, if they expect to keep pace with the advancement of the times, must cultivate Orchids, and thus supply the demand, which is daily increasing. At present the demand for cut Orchids is much greater than the supply. A good plant in flower will attract more attention to the store or greenhouse than any sign or advertisement can do ; and no florist, however small his means may be, can afford to disregard them.

At any time during the year we will be pleased to select plants in bud or flower, of seasonable varieties, at from $3 to $10 each, according to the size of specimen, and would thank customers to place orders in advance, to enable us to fill them, as the demand exceeds the supply.

Cypripediums.

The most beautiful, interesting and varied genus of the Orchid family, represented by numerous varieties of different hues and shapes. The colors are rich and pleasing, and combine well with roses and fine ferns—in fact, with anything with which they are used. Their lasting qualities are remarkable, flowers often staying on the plant perfectly fresh for twelve weeks; and if cut, from three to four weeks in fresh water. Thus will be seen the advantage to florists in using this class of plants for window decorations.

Cypripediums are the earliest grown of all the Orchids, as they do not require any rest like the others, but should be kept watered all the year round.

We can furnish nice plants, in bud or flower, for from $2 upward, according to size and variety.

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THE production of Plants for Artistic Decoration of the House and Conservatory has now become a very large proportion of our business, and the variety of plants necessary to furnish material for that object is simply innumerable. Whether it be the noble Palm, the graceful Fern, the gorgeous Orchid or the beautiful ornamental foliage plant, all are necessary, and each takes its part in the effective beautification and arrangement at the time.

Our stock of these plants is very extensive; and we have much pleasure in drawing your attention to the special varieties enumerated in each class, in this catalogue, which are all worthy of notice.

Soliciting a personal inspection of our stock, if convenient, and a share of your patronage, we are

Yours respectfully,

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ESTIMATES

For the filling of Conservatories, Greenhouses, etc., given free on application. Correspondence solicited.

Areca Lutescens. (See page 7.)

Areca Bauerii.

PALMS.

THIS royal family of plants must be placed amongst the foremost of decorative plants. Their graceful and imposing beauty makes them invaluable in any decoration, either large or small. As a background for groups or as isolated specimens for vases and jardinieres, their bright green, shiny fronds give elegance to their surroundings. Besides their ornamental qualities, their hardiness is highly to be commended, as with ordinary care they will flourish in any place that has a moderate temperature.

In securing Palms, the main point to observe is to purchase only plants that have been grown cool, and that are clean and free from insects. Such plants will last twice as long in decoration as those that have been grown on bottom heat. We have specimens from 6 inches up to 20 feet high, with low prices corresponding to the excellent quality of the stock. Following are such kinds as we can recommend the most highly out of our stock of 230 varieties:

ARECA Baueri. A fine, hardy, rapid-growing palm, resembling the Kentias, and equally as useful for general decorations; foliage very dark green.

	Each
30 inches high	$3 00
36 inches high	4 50
42 inches high	6 00
48 inches high	7 50

Extra-large specimens on application.

A. lutescens. One of the most graceful palms in cultivation, and indispensable for decorations; mostly grown three in a pot, so as to form good, bushy plants at once.

	Each
Three in one pot, 12 inches high	$1 00
Three in one pot, 15 to 18 inches high	1 25
Three in one pot, 18 to 20 inches high	1 50
Fine bushy plants, 3½ to 4 feet high	$4 to 7 00

COCOS Weddeliana. An elegant, fine-foliaged palm, not attaining a great size, but almost an absolute necessity for mantel and table decorations and jardinieres; in fact, for the latter use it cannot be excelled, outlasting any other plant for that purpose.

	Each
Nice plants, 8 to 10 inches high	$0 50
Nice plants, 12 inches high	75
Nice plants, 15 to 18 inches high	1 50
Nice plants, 2½ to 3 feet high	4 50
Extra-large specimens, finely furnished	7 50

KENTIAS. A very popular and useful palm; we might say the most popular of the taller-growing sorts, from their graceful style of growth and hardy nature. So great has the demand for good-sized plants been that the stock is almost exhausted, both in this country and Europe, and the prices for the larger sizes are continually advancing.

KENTIA Belmoreana. Very symmetrical and graceful; more drooping than *K. Forsteriana*, and dwarfer in habit.

	Each
Four to five leaves, 10 inches high	$1 00
Five to six leaves, 15 inches high	1 50
Strong plants, 24 inches high	3 00
Strong plants, 30 inches high	5 00
Strong plants, 36 inches high	7 00
Extra-large specimens, finely furnished, 5 feet high and upwards, on application.	

K. Forsteriana. More upright than the preceding, but equally as good for decorations.

	Each
Good young plants, 15 inches high	$1 00
Good plants, 4 to 5 leaves, 18 inches high	1 50
Strong plants, 24 inches high	2 00
Strong plants, 30 inches high	3 00
Strong plants, 36 inches high	5 00
Fine specimens from 5 to 9 feet high, on application.	

LATANIA Borbonica. The most popular and useful palm grown, and generally known. Our stock of this variety is very large, and in a fine, hardy state for handling.

	Each
Fine strong plants, 24 to 30 inches high	$2 50
Extra-strong plants	3 50
Specimens, strong, fine large leaves, 36 inches high	4 50
Specimens, strong, fine large leaves, 42 inches high	6 00
Specimens, strong, fine large leaves, 48 inches high	7 50
Extra-size, elegant specimens	$10 00 to 15 00

PHŒNIX rupicola. This is the well-known Fountain Palm, and is one of the finest decorative plants in the world. Good stock of this popular sort is very scarce.

	Each
Strong plants, character leaves formed	$1 50
Fine, well-developed plants, 13 to 15 inches high	3 00
Fine, well-developed plants, 15 to 18 inches high	4 50
Half specimens, 24 to 30 inches high	7 50
Full specimens, 3 feet high and upwards, can be furnished on application.	

RHAPIS flabelliformis. A Chinese and Japanese palm of strong, upright habit, with reed-like stems and divided leaves. This plant is remarkable for the way it bears handling and rough usage without getting unsightly. For decorations it is very effective, the foliage being a striking contrast to the other varieties of palms.

	Each
Fine plants	$5 00
Extra-bushy plants	7 50
Large specimens, finely furnished	$10 00 to 15 00

R. humilis. An elegant variety. It has finer leaves and a more graceful appearance than the preceding, and is equally as hardy and ornamental. An indispensable plant for vases or any other form of decoration.

	Each
Fine, short plants	$3 00 to $5 00
Large, bushy specimens	6 00 to 15 00

Latania Borbonica.

ADIANTUM FARLEYENSE. (See page 12.)

CYCAS revoluta. This is called the Sago Palm, and is well known for all decorative purposes. It is a grand plant for ornamental work, as it stands hauling about and rough handling very much better than other plants of the same nature. We devote one entire house to this plant, and have it in many desirable sizes.

	Each
Good, established plants, with good heads of fronds varying in different sizes of stem and also number of leaves. Fine specimens	$5 00 to $10 00
Few extra-large specimens	15 00 to 20 00

ZAMIA integrifolia. A cycadaceous plant of the same general appearance as the *Cycas revoluta*, but with much smaller foliage or pinnæ. Valuable for decorations.

	Each
Good, strong plants with many well-developed leaves	$3 00
Stronger plants	5 00

FERNS.

FERNS, with their dainty fronds of different hues of green, are nowadays largely used, not only in small staging and filling jardinieres, but also as solitary specimens in vases, and for other purposes, while in the cut state they are used extensively. *Adiantum Farleyense* is by all means the finest of them all. Unfortunately this species will never be as plentiful as others on account of the fact that the only means of propagation is by division. Our stock of Ferns is very varied, from small plants in two-inch pots up to the Tree Ferns 20 feet high, and includes all the varieties known and worthy of cultivation; we promptly avail ourselves of anything new by means of our extensive European branch. The following are a few of our large collection of varieties:

Mixed Ferns or Selaginellas for filling jardinieres, $8 per hundred; stronger, $17 per hundred.

ADIANTUM. "Maiden-hair Fern." Very useful and popular for all purposes. For cutting they are indispensable, while for jardinieres, table, mantel, or general decorations they cannot be surpassed.

A. cuneatum. The best known variety, and much used in floral work.

	Each
Three-inch pots	$0 25
Four-inch pots	50
Five-inch pots	75

A. bellum. A fine variety, with tufted fronds about four inches long; fine for Wardian cases.

Strong plants, three-inch pots . . . . . 50 cents each

ADIANTUM Farleyense. The grandest Fern in existence; the delicate beauty and wonderful color variation of its lovely fronds make it always a favorite. Requires warm treatment; it is a strong grower, often producing fronds 18 inches to 2 feet long and 10 inches wide, but must never be allowed to get dry. It is a variety that will always be scarce, as it can only be propagated by division.

	Each
Fine plants, five-inch pots	$1 50
Stronger plants, finely furnished	$2 00 to 5 00

ASPLENIUM bulbiferum. A strong-growing greenhouse species, the fronds often measuring 2 feet in length and 10 inches in width. Young plants are often produced on the upper surface of the old fronds, which root readily in light soil.

Fine, strong plants, five-inch pots . . . . . 75 cents each

ASPIDIUM viridescens. An elegant, graceful variety, valuable for decorations as single specimens or for jardinieres; for cut-flower purposes it is fine. Our stock of this pretty favorite is large.

Strong plants, four-inch pots . . . . . 40 cents each

LOMARIA gibba. A handsome, dwarf-growing Tree Fern, elegant for decorations or single plants, for the window or small conservatory.

	Each
Fine plants, four-inch pots	$0 50
Strong plants, five-inch pots	75

MICROLEPIA hirta cristata. An elegant variety for any and all purposes. As a graceful plant for mantel, table or other indoor decorations it can hardly be surpassed. Fine for house culture.

	Each
Fine plants, four-inch pots	$0 50
Strong plants, six-inch pots	75

PTERIS Victoriæ. One of the finest and most chaste ferns ever introduced. The foliage is neatly divided, the sterile fronds being much broader than the fertile ones; the center of the frond is beautifully variegated with silvery white. For decorations it is a gem, its peculiar and delicate appearance making it very prominent.

	Each
Fine plants, three-inch pots	$0 75
Strong plants, four-inch pots	1 50

P. argyrea. We have some large plants of this finely variegated variety, which, grown as specimens, make elegant decorative plants for any and all purposes.

Fine plants, six-inch pots . . . . . 75 cents each

SCOLOPENDRIUM vulgare (Hart's-tongue Fern). A fine old variety, useful for all kinds of work; delights in a cool place. For window boxes or vases outside it is fine.

Fine plants . . . . . 25 cents each, $2.00 per dozen

PLATYCERIUM Alcicorne (Stag's-horn Fern). One of the grandest and most extraordinary of all ferns. Grown on blocks or in baskets, they are unique and beautiful in decorations. No person doing any kind of house or church adornment can afford to be without a few of these.

	Each
Good plants	$2 00 to $5 00.
Extra-fine specimens	5 00 to 10 00

NEW - PTERIS. *Victoriae*

PANAX VICTORIÆ. (See page 26.)

SELAGINELLAS. For filling jardinieres these are super-excellent, and with some varieties of ferns, and *Cocos Weddeliana* for a center piece, the most charming effects can be produced. As single plants, some of the stronger growing varieties are excellent.

S. Africana. A tall, erect variety, with small branched leaves often tinged with pink.

Fine, strong plants, three-inch pots . . . . . 20 cents each

S. cæsia. A pretty, trailing variety, with pale, straw-colored leaves ; well-known.

Fine, strong plants, three-inch pots . . . . . 20 cents each

S. caulescens. Strong-growing, good habit ; stems generally 12 inches long ; very erect.

Fine, strong plants, three-inch pots . . . . . 25 cents each

S. flabellata. A stove species of bright green color.

Fine, strong plants, three-inch pots . . . . . 15 cents each

S. Martensii variegata. Beautiful gold and green foliage ; dwarf, compact habit.

Fine, strong plants, three-inch pots . . . . . 15 cents each

S. stolonifera. A fine, erect grower ; makes splendid pot plants for single specimens.

Fine, strong plants, three-inch pots . . . . . 15 cents each

S. pubescens. Fine, erect, very strong ; good for cut-flower purposes and decorations.

Fine, strong plants, three-inch pots . . . . . 20 cents each

Fancy Foliage Plants.

UNDER this heading we have gathered numerous and varied plants, such as Alocasias, Anthuriums, Dieffenbachias, Marantas, Panax Victoriæ, and other fine kinds, with richly-marked and artistically-shaped foliage. These, with their bright and varied hues, not only brighten up and give life to the decoration, but also give a rich and uncommon appearance to the whole. This class of plants is especially recommended for mantel, table or buffet decoration. Our stock is very large, but we enumerate only such as have proved to be the most valuable, and at a low cost. No conception can be gained of the magnitude of our stock in this line without a personal inspection.

The popular taste in house and church decorations has lately undergone a decided change, and bright, delicately-colored, and graceful foliage is now demanded, in place of the heretofore stiff and ungainly plants. Every plant recommended in the following list is now used for these purposes with pleasing effects, and for general decorative purposes cannot be surpassed.

Bromeliads.

Odd and distinct plants, sometimes handsomely marked. The flowers are in long spikes or panicles, and are less remarkable for themselves than for the great number of bright red or yellow bracts with which they are intermixed. These make fine ornaments for the greenhouse, and are valuable for decorations, forming a striking contrast to the more delicate surroundings. We offer a fine assortment of varieties, varying in price from $2.50 each and upwards.

Alocasias.

Elegant plants, with very brilliant foliage of a strong, leathery texture. Will stand rough usage almost as well as palms; for house and church decorations they are now considered almost indispensable.

A. metallica. A grand decorative plant, with rich, dark bronze, metallic color, purple beneath the leaves.

	Each
Nice plants, about 12 inches high	$1 50
Fine strong plants, 18 to 14 inches high	$2 00 to 5 00

A. Sedeni. Leaves bronzy green, with distinct ivory-white veins.

	Each
Nice plants, 12 inches high	$2 25
Strong plants, 18 to 24 inches high	$5 00 to 10 00

A. Thibautiana. Leaves deep olive, grayish green, midrib grayish white, with numerous veinlets branching from it.

	Each
Fine plants, 18 inches high	$4 00
Strong plants, 2 to 3 feet high	6 50

Anthuriums.

This class of plants is not fully appreciated, but when their merits become known, no collection of decorative plants, however small, will be complete without them. The foliage varieties are effective and striking, while the blooming kinds vie with the orchid in brilliancy of bloom and lasting qualities.

Foliage Varieties.

A. crystallinum. Large, bright green, velvety leaves; veins elegantly banded with pure crystal-white; the young leaves are of a brilliant violet color. (See cut, page 22.)

	Each
Nice plants	$1 50
Strong plants	$2 25 to 5 00

A. grande. Long, heart-shaped foliage of a rich, dark green color, with white veins.

	Each
Nice plants	$1 50
Extra-strong plants	$2 25 to 5 00

Flowering Varieties.

A. Andreanum. A valuable species. Broad open spathe, bright orange-red color; yellowish spadix.

	Each
Nice plants	$2 50
Large strong plants	$4 00 to 10 00

ANTHURIUM Andreanum hybrids. Varying in color from shades of soft rose to the most vivid scarlet-crimson; a grand novelty.

	Each
Nice plants	$3 50
Strong plants	$7 50 to 15 00

A. Ferrierense. A handsome hybrid with large, bright rose flower spathe; spadix erect, ivory-white.

	Each
Nice plants	$2 50
Large, strong plants	$5 00 to 10 00

Ananassa sativa variegata.

(*Variegated Pineapple.*)

Leaves two to three feet long, green, broadly margined with rich, creamy yellow, tinged with red. One of the handsomest foliage plants in cultivation.

	Each
Fine plants, about 1 foot through	$6 50
Extra-strong specimens	$10 00 to 15 00

Aralias.

Valuable foliage plant of singular beauty and effectiveness; very graceful.

A. filicifolia (Fern-leaved). Stem and leaf-stalks purple, marked with white spots; crowned with deeply-cut bright green leaves.

	Each
Good plants, 8 to 10 inches high	$0 50
Strong plants, 10 to 12 inches high	75

A. Guilfoylei. A splendid variety; foliage green, distinctly margined with creamy white.

Strong plants from 4-inch pots, about 12 inches high . 75 cents each

A. Sieboldii. A very strong-growing variety with large, green leaves; very useful house plant.

Nice furnished plants . . . . . 50 cents to $1 00 each

A. Sieboldii variegata. A great improvement on *Sieboldii;* leaves broadly edged with white.

Nicely furnished plants . . . . . $2 25 each

Aspidistras.

This is, without doubt, one of the hardiest house plants in cultivation. Will thrive and grow where it is almost impossible to grow anything else.

A. lurida. Bright green leaves.

	Each
3-inch pots	$0 40
4-inch pots	60
5-inch pots	75
6-inch pots	1 00
Specimens	$1 50 to 5 00

ASPIDISTRA lurida variegata. Leaves beautifully marked, green and ivory-white; very effective.

	Each
3-inch pots	$0 75
4-inch pots	1 00
5-inch pots	1 50
6-inch pots	2 00
Specimens	$5 to 10 00

Aphelandra Roezlii.

Fine shining leaves, which are dark green, shaded with a silvery hue; flowers bright scarlet.

Strong plants, about 8 inches high . . . . . 75 cents each

Acalypha Macafeeana.

A pretty foliage plant, with bright red leaves blotched with rosy crimson.

Fine, strong plants, 3-inch pots . . . . . 50 cents each

Begonia Rex.

We devote one entire house to these well-known favorites, and offer fine, strong plants in finest varieties only.

	Each
3-inch pots	$0 25
4-inch pots	50

Cissus discolor.

A pretty climber. Upper surface of leaves velvety green, mottled white and crimson; under side deep reddish purple.

Fine plants, 3 and 4-inch pots, 18 to 24 inches high . . 50 cents each

Crotons.

This class includes some of the most beautiful foliage plants, The leaves are curiously variegated, usually in symmetrical patterns, with white, yellow, red, pink, etc. Especially useful for table decorations.

Fine, strong plants, 4 and 5-inch pots . . . 50 cents and $1 00 each

Dracaenas.

The number of varieties of this class of plants, with their symmetrical, arching and generally brightly-colored leaves, is a great addition to the family of decorative plants. They are also inexpensive, and possess good lasting qualities, being best adapted for vases or the center of jardinieres. No decoration is complete without a few. The number of varieties extends in the hundreds, but the following are the most desirable.

D. Alsace-Lorraine. Dark purple leaves, with bright scarlet margins, center of leaf dark purple; very handsome.

Good plants, 12 inches high . . . . . $1 00 each

Aspidistra lurida Variegata.

FICUS ELASTICA. (The Long-leaved variety.)

DRACÆNA Cantrelli. A very vigorous and free-growing variety, of a bright, bronzy green color. The older leaves are bordered red; the younger ones with an irregular border of pink, flushed with red. One of the finest.

Good plants, 12 inches high . . . . . $1 25 each

D. Draco. Strong, erect grower; very majestic when well grown. One of the finest for conservatory purposes.

Good, strong plants from 6-inch pots . . . . . $3 50 each

D. indivisa. A graceful, drooping variety, with dark green leaves 2 to 4 feet long and 1 to 2 inches wide.

Strong young plants, from 5-inch pots . . . . . 50 cents each

D. Lindenii. A very graceful variety, with broad recurved leaves, having bands of varying shades of yellow and greenish white the whole length of the leaves, the body color of which is a bright green. Elegant for decorations.

	Each
Good, strong plants	$1 50
Extra-strong plants	3 00
Specimens	$5 00 to 10 00

D. Massangeana. Similar to *D. Lindenii*, the markings of which are reversed. A valuable decorative variety.

	Each
Good strong plants	$1 50
Extra-strong plants	3 00
Specimens	$5 00 to 10 00

D. Neo-Caledonica. Dark green leaves with purple base; in the young leaves, pink. Very hardy nature, and will bear rough usage as well as the toughest palms.

Extra-large specimens, 4 to 5 feet high . . . . . $10 00 each

Dichorisandra.

D. Siebersii. A beautiful plant, having dark green leaves, with white midrib and margins; very effective.

Nice, strong plants . . . . . $2 00 each

D. undata. Broad, dark green leaves, with bands of green lighted with silver. The leaves are much undulated and of a uniform purple on the under side.

Nice, strong plants . . . . . $1 00 each

Ficus.

This well-known house and decorative plant needs no description; it certainly stands without a peer for the above purposes. Our stock is large, well grown and clean; foliage large and strong. No finer stock can be had.

F. elastica. Fine, long-leaved variety only.

	Each
Strong plants, 18 inches high	$0 75
Strong plants, 20 to 24 inches high	1 00

F. elastica variegata. Beautifully marked with green and yellow.

Good strong plants, 5-inch pots . . . . . $2 50 each

F. Indica. Round, dark green leaves. 50 cents each.

F. Parcelli. An elegant variegated variety for mantel and table decorations; mixed with Adiantums it produces a most desirable effect.

Fine plants . . . . . $1 00 each

Genistas.

Now is the time to secure a stock of this beautiful Easter decorative plant. Their lovely golden color make them very attractive for mixing among decorative plants.

Prices . . . . . $1 50 to $5 each, according to size

Mikania violacea.

A beautiful foliaged variety of the well-known Parlor Ivy, with violet-bronze leaves. Pretty for jardinieres and small decorations.

Fine plants from 3-inch pots, 12 to 15 inches high . . 50 cents each

Imantophyllum miniatum.

A fine blooming plant for decorations, either in or out of bloom, with long, dark green, leathery leaves; produces a large head of deep orange flowers on a stem about 2 feet long. This plant can be highly recommended as a house, veranda or window-box plant. It is of easy culture, and in every way a satisfactory and useful plant for both the florist and amateur.

	Each
Good, strong growths, ready for flowering	$1 50
Fine specimens, with many flowering shoots	$5 00 to 10 00

Isolepis gracilis.

A pretty, grassy-like plant for jardinieres or single pots for window gardening. 25 cents each.

Fittonia.

F. argyroneura. A pretty plant for jardinieres, having vivid green leaves interlaced with a net-work of pure white veins.

Fine, strong plants, 2½-inch pots . . . . . 25 cents each

F. Pearcei. Similar to above in growth. Foliage bright green, midrib and veins light, bright carmine.

Fine, strong plants, 2½-inch pots . . . . . 25 cents each

Phyllotaenium Lindeni.

An exceedingly useful plant, with Calla-like leaves of light green, broad midrib, and veins of pure white. As a show plant for hot-house decorations, or for extra occasions, it has no equal.

Good plants from 4-inch pots . . . . . 75 cents each

Marantas.

Probably no plants we offer are so little understood as the Marantas. Their brilliant colors, close compact habit of growth, and elegant appearance render them effective plants for house decoration, particularly when blended with a few Palms, Dracænas and Ferns, the most beautiful combinations can be formed.

M. bicolor. Pale glaucous green, with blotches of dark olive between midrib and margin. Good, strong plants from 4-inch pots, 50 cents each.

Vriesia Splendens.

Group of Flowering Anthuriums. (See page 16.) Anthurium Crystallinum.

MARANTA Chimboracensis. Light green, with a zigzag belt of olive green and white; an elegant variety.

Good plants from 4-inch pots . . . . . 75 cents each

M. Kerchoveana. Leaves short and grayish-green, with a row of purplish blotches on each side of midrib.

Good plants from 4-inch pots . . . . . 75 cents each

M. Leitzii. An elegant, upright variety; dark metallic-green leaves with feathery markings; purplish violet beneath.

	Each
Strong plants from 4-inch pots	$0 50
Stronger plants	75

M. Makoyana. A grand variety. Outer margin of leaves deep green, the center semi-transparent, with oblong blotches of deep green.

Strong plants from 4-inch pots . . . . . $1 00 each

M. Massangeana. Outer portion of leaves olive-green, the centre silvery gray ornamented with large blotches of dark velvety purplish maroon.

Strong plants from 4-inch pots . . . . . 50 cents each

M. pulchella. Similar to *Maranta zebrina.*

	Each
Nice plants	$0 50
Strong plants	75 to 1 00

M. Van Den Heckei. A very distinct variety, with rich, dark, glossy green leaves; midrib broadly margined with silvery white.

Strong plants . . . . . $1 00 each

M. zebrina. One of the hardiest of the species. Leaves beautiful light green, barred with greenish purple; under side purple.

	Each
Good, strong plants, well shaped, 3-inch pots	$0 40
Strong plants, 4-inch pots	75
Extra strong plants, 4-inch pots	$1 00 to 2 50

Pandanus Veitchii.

For large or small decorations, whether in or out of the house, no plant we know of is more valuable than this. Its beautiful golden and green striped foliage, majestic style of growth, and hardy, tough nature renders it indispensible to any collection. For vase work in cemeteries or on lawns, single specimens for the grounds or house, or general decorations, it is fine. We offer an elegant lot of large specimens, which will be found very cheap.

Strong plants from 6-inch pots	$1 75
Specimens from 10-inch pots, 4 feet high	7 50
Extra fine specimens from 10-inch pots, 4½ to 5 feet high	10 00

Panicum variegatum.

When grown with care and proper cultivation, this pretty grass is useful for baskets, jardinieres, window boxes, etc. Nice grown specimens make valuable plants for mantel, cornice or window decorations. Leaves white striped and pink tinted.

2½-inch pots . . . . . 20 cents each

Phrynium variegatum.

An elegant plant, similar to the Maranta in growth. The leaves have erect footstalks about 12 inches high, with spreading blades from 6 to 9 inches long and 2 to 4 inches wide, and are beautifully variegated with cream white. In some leaves the entire area is white; in others only half, while in others it is confined to interspaces between the nerves. For bright, effective use in any and all kinds of decorations it is almost indispensable. Very easy culture.

	Each
Nice plants, 4-inch pots, 8 to 10 inches high	$0 75
Strong plants, 4-inch pots, 12 inches high	1 50
Very strong plants, 5 and 6-inch pots, 15 to 18 inches high	2 00

Peperomia argyreia.

A handsome, easy-growing plant of compact habit, with thick, fleshy leaves of a metallic white hue, and veins of bright green. Desirable for house culture and small decorations. Very effective in jardinieres and baskets.

	Each
Good plants to grow on, 2½-inch pots	$0 25
Strong plants, 4-inch pots, very bushy	50

Panax.

One of the most graceful and elegant plants in cultivation for neat and chaste decorations. Their fern-like foliage, erect growth and graceful appearance make them favorites at once. We can recommend them as good house plants for almost any purpose; for general decoration of mantles, tables and the like, they are very desirable and useful.

P. Victoriæ. A distinct and graceful variegated plant. The leaves, which are green, prettily margined with white, form a dense, plumy, recurving mass of foliage, making it indispensable for center of jardinieres or any of the finer table decorations. Another strong recommendation is, it is a free grower and very hardy, and thus stands the exposure of decorating well.

	Each
Good, strong plants, 3-inch pots, 8 to 10 inches high	$0 50
Extra, strong plants, 4-inch pots, 12 inches high	75

P. plumosa. Forms beautiful crispy heads elegantly divided. The leaflets are long stalked, deeply lobed and the edges notched. The entire plant forms and presents a delicate, fern-like appearance.

	Each
Fine plants, 3-inch pots	$0 50
Strong plants, 4-inch pots	75

Schizmatoglottis crispata.

Undoubtedly one of the very best and toughest variegated plants for general decorative purposes. Will stand hard, rough usage well, and will grow freely in any ordinary dwelling house. Leaves grayish green, edged with dark green, the midrib being a light color.

	Each
Nice, strong plants, 4-inch pots	$0 75
Extra, strong plants, 4-inch pots	$1 00 and $2 00

Araucaria excelsa. (See page 29.)

Asparagus plumosus nanus.

Asparagus plumosus nanus.

This is a plant that no person wishing to decorate a house can afford to be without, as it can be used for any purpose. Grown as a pot-plant, it will answer admirably for decoration, as it can be grown in a very small pot and the strings trained to a considerable distance, thus covering places that otherwise could not be decorated by another plant. As a small, bushy plant they will fittingly answer the same purpose as ferns. In the cut state the short fronds can be used for garnishing bouquets and baskets, or the long strings for larger decoration. Besides this and its ornamental qualities, it has a lasting property that is not equalled by any plant, remaining in the cut state perfectly fresh for weeks. It is to-day taking the place of smilax to a great extent for general house decorations. It does not litter up the furniture and carpets, and can be placed in artistic decorations much more easily and quickly than smilax, while for general effect it is much superior.

	Each
4-inch pots, fine strong plants	$0 75
5-inch pots, fine strong plants	1 25
6-inch pots, fine strong plants	1 75
7-inch pots, fine strong plants	2 50

Nepenthes.

"Pitcher Plant." No plants grown are more interesting or curious than these, and no collection should be without a few. Any warm, moist corner of a greenhouse will do; they require no bench room, as they are suspended from the roof. The leaves are expanded into the form of a pitcher, which holds water; here insects are drowned, thus furnishing nutriment to the plant. From this fact they are known as carnivorous plants. They always attract great attention, and are objects of special interest. We offer a fine collection of varieties at $3 each and upwards.

Araucarias.

A plant combining hardy, graceful and ornamental qualities; of late years an indispensable plant for decorations, especially on or about Christmas. It forms a miniature Christmas tree, as it were. It is a plant that will stand a very low temperature, and can be put in a shady place out of doors in the summer. We have an elegant stock in all sizes.

A. excelsa. A fine, symmetrical plant of beautiful, soft green color.

	Each
Fine plants, 18 inches high	$3 50
Fine half specimens, 24 to 30 inches high	5 50
Few extra specimens, 3 to 4 feet high	$7 to 15 00

A. excelsa glauca. More bushy and compact than the preceding variety, and of a beautiful silvery gray color; equally as hardy and more ornamental.

	Each
Fine plants, 18 inches high	$6 00
Few larger specimens	$8 to 15 00

Gardenia florida, Improved.

This is the new variety recently sent out from England. It is a great improvement on the older kind, the flowers being pure waxy white, and much larger than the older sort. A decided acquisition.

Strong plants, 3-inch pots . . . . . 75 cents each

DIEFFENBACHIAS.

THESE plants are among the most valuable for all decorative effects. The foliage is large, and the various species display many beautiful effects of variegation and marking. We have several varieties of merit.

	Each
Fine plants in 4-inch pots, 8 to 10 inches high . . .	$0 75 to $1 00
Extra strong plants from 18 to 23 inches high . . .	2 00 to 3 00

ORCHIDS.

THE demand for this class of plants far exceeds the supply. Their rare beauty, fantastic shapes and lasting qualities combined, render them universal favorites. Our stock of established plants is very large and varied. Parties leaving the selection to us can depend upon receiving suitable varieties for a succession of bloom.

"Our Own Selection."

12 strong plants for immediate flowering for $25 00
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CATTLEYA TRIANÆ.